



# Knights of Columbus

## St. Barnabas Council # 8603



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### GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

August 2014

Dear Brother Knights;

At first I didn't know how to start this message. Then it suddenly came to me. The only way to start was to say "THANK YOU". Thank you for all your dedication and hard work.

Our Columbian Year unofficially started in June of 2013 with our concert series which, as usual, was well supported by our members. In November we held our first "Italian Night" which was a huge success. December came, and we played Santa for the children at the Children's Mass, and then came back to usher at Midnight Mass.

Then the new year came and our council was hit hard. First, we lost brother Mike Masucci, and soon after brother Vinny Eckersley, and then brother Marty Pisano. We had brother Pardo Spedalieri in and out of the hospital and rehab. All these losses might have slowed down or stopped another council in its tracks. But not St. Barnabas Council #8603. Our sadness drew us closer together and made us stronger, and we stepped up our game.

In February we held our annual "Pizza Party" for our altar servers. Then the tide changed and everything we touched seemed to turn to gold. I personally think there were a couple of eyes from above watching over us. But what also helped us greatly was recruiting 29 new members.

March came and we went on our "Second Annual Cruise". We left St. Barnabas with 50 passengers and a beautiful send-off prayer from Fr. Stas, and headed for the Bayonne pier where we met the other 30 passengers. A great time was had by all.

When we returned, it was time to gear up for our "Annual Knight At The Races", another big fund raiser. There were 176 people in attendance. The 50/50 that night paid \$900 to the winner and we gave away 36 prizes.

In April we were all pleasantly surprised when Berkeley Township Mayor, Brother Carmen Amato presented our council the "Mayor's Proclamation" for 30 years of service to the community.

Deputy Grand Knight Kevin McMahon and I represented the council at the state's annual convention in Wildwood the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. There, we were one of only four councils (out of 360 in the state) to be awarded a plaque for hosting a First Degree every month. Before the month ended we helped the Rosary Altar Society with its fish fry, assisted at Catholic Parents Night and escorted several brothers to their Third Degree.

June started off with a bang. On Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> we had a group of brothers go to Island Beach State Park to help plant grass for beach erosion control, while another group was at Veterans Park cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for Kids Day in the Park, while another group went for supplies for the pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Another group worked the pancake breakfast on Sunday, which was as another success, with the proceeds going to the Boy Scouts.

Fr. Stas knew we were very close to making Triple Star Council, so he and the other priests did a great job, from the pulpit, helping us recruit five new members. But we were still eight short. We were so close, yet still so far. Membership Chairman Paul Insalaco and his team went into high gear soliciting new members while Kevin and the First Degree Team performed weekly. On June 11<sup>th</sup> we brought in five new members, but we were still three short. Back to the recruiting cards, dialing away, trying to find three more members. We held our collective breaths as June 17<sup>th</sup> approached. We needed three more, for a total of 42 new members for Triple Star Council. On June 17<sup>th</sup> we brought in four new members making Triple Star Council official.

Our new brother have been very active, many receiving the Shining Armor Award. We now have between 35 and 45 brothers at our meetings. Our meetings are composed of veterans and new members alike, a great mix. New members are coming up with ideas, and some of the veterans tell us if we had tried them in the past, and if they did or didn't work. It's great chemistry.

If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, stop into Fr. Brennan Hall on the first and third Wednesday of the month and see how far we've come and how much we've changed. Come home to Council #8603. If you need a ride to a meeting or an event give me a call, one of your brothers would be happy to give you a ride.

Well, the 2013-2014 Columbian year is almost past, and we unofficially start the new one on June 25<sup>th</sup> with the concert series.

My sincerest thanks to all of you for a great year, and lots of great memories.

There are many good men, but few become brothers of Council #8603.

Vivat Jesus,

Rob Livingston  
Grand Knight

“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed it’s the only thing that has.”

Margaret Mead

**Meetings**

Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds. of each month in Fr. Brennan Hall at St. Barnabas Church.  
All meetings start promptly at 8 PM.  
Officers Meeting- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

**EVENTS FOR THE 2014 - 2015 COLUMBIAN YEAR**

<b>JULY 16, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
JULY 23, 2014	CONCERT #3
<b>AUGUST 5, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
AUGUST 6, 2014	Concert #4
AUGUST 9, 2014	Installation of Officers; 4:00PM Mass, then to chapel, then to Fr. Brennan Hall
AUGUST 16, 2014	8603 PICNIC (ROB LIVINGSTON’S HOUSE)
<b>AUGUST 19, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
AUGUST 20, 2014	CONCERT #5
AUGUST 24 & 25, 2014	Sell Parish 50/50 TICKETS AFTER ALL MASSES
<b>SEPTEMBER 3, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
SEPTEMBER 6, 2014	BERKELEY COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY
<b>SEPTEMBER 17, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<b>OCTOBER 1, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2014	RIGHT TO LIFE ROSE SALE AFTER ALL MASSES
<b>OCTOBER 15, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
OCTOBER 19, 2014	PANCAKE BREAKFAST (7:00 AM)
NOVEMBER 5, 2014	MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2014	ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER DANCE
<b>NOVEMBER 19, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<b>DECEMBER 3, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
DECEMBER 14, 2014	BREAKFAST WITH SANTA (7:00 AM)
<b>DECEMBER 17, 2014</b>	<b>MEETING (LOCATION TBD)</b>
DECEMBER 24, 2014	USHER AT MIDNIGHT MASS
<b>JANUARY 7, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<b>JANUARY 21, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING – ALTAR SERVER PIZZA PARTY</b>
JANUARY 28, 2015	4 <sup>TH</sup> DEGREE MEETING
<b>FEBRUARY 4, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
FEBRUARY 7, 2015	A KNIGHT AT RACES
<b>FEBRUARY 18, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING (LOCATION TBD)</b>
<b>MARCH 4, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<b>MARCH 18, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<b>APRIL 1, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<b>APRIL 15, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING (LOCATION TBD)</b>
APRIL 18 & 19, 2015	TOOTSIE ROLL (PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES) DRIVE AFTER ALL MASSES
MAY 2, 2015	FREE PASTA DINNER FOR PARISH
<b>MAY 6, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
MAY 16, 2015	CASINO NIGHT
<b>MAY 20, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<b>JUNE 3, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
JUNE 7, 2015	PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR BOY SCOUTS
<b>JUNE 17, 2015</b>	<b>MEETING</b>



# THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

(The author is unknown. It was found in the wallet of Alabama Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant after he died in 1982)

Imagine you had won the following "**PRIZE**" in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private bank account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

## **The set of rules:**

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into another account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each day upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say "Game Over!". It can close the and you will not receive a new one.

## **What would you personally do?**

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

## **Actually, this game is real...**

Shocked??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this "**PRIZE**". We just can't seem to see it. The "**PRIZE**" is **TIME**.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. When we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning your account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve it at any time without warning.

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it, and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

**To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.**

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending" ...

## **FIND A MISTAKE?**

**It is our policy to try to include something for everyone.  
Since some people like to find errors, we regularly  
include a few in each issue of our newsletter**



## Twinkies and Root Beer

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park feeding some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at the boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer.

Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace them all. ~Author Unknown~



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Fr. Roberto and his family, SK Pat Patrico, SK Rick Clary

## E-Mail Addresses!!!

We are asking all members to update their E-Mail address. This way we can keep everyone up to date on the affairs of the Council. In the future everyone with an E-Mail address will receive the Newsletter by E-Mail. By doing this we can save the Council the cost of printing and sending the Newsletter through the mail. Also the Newsletter will be posted on our web site for all to read. To update your E-Mail address go to **8603.com**, log in using your member number and birth date, go to Member List and add or update your information. Thank You.

## Baptism Procedure

- 1- All babies receive gifts at all Sunday Masses.
- 2- Members of K of C St. Barnabas Council #8603 and their immediate families who have a baptism at the St. Barnabas Church, Bayville, NJ in a private ceremony will receive gifts at the ceremony provided that the Brother Knight gives the Council two weeks' notice. Should the Brother Knight fail to give the Council two weeks' notice the gifts will not be presented at the ceremony but can be picked up at the Parish Office when they are ready.
- 3- Members of K of C St. Barnabas Council #8603 and their immediate families who have a baptism at a church other than the St. Barnabas Church, Bayville, NJ can pick up their gifts at the Parish Office provided that the Brother Knight gives the Council two weeks notice.

## Hospitalized Brothers

**If you know of a Brother Knight from Council # 8603 who has been hospitalized for three days or more, please contact George Vogt at 732-269-2916 so we can present him with our Council #8603 robe.**

## Need a Notary Public

If you are in need of a Notary Public, we have a Brother Knight who is offering his services to all Brother Knights at no cost. To take him up on this offer please contact:

**Brother Carmen Amato at 732-915-5068**

Thanks Carmen for your service!

*Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Philipians 4:6*



## Billy Graham's Prayer For Our Nation

'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word Says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. we have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

THIS MAN SURE HAS A GOOD VIEW OF WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY

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